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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: WESTERN SAHARA ISSUE

1. DURING MEETING WITH DEFENSE MINISTER ABDALLAH FARHAT AUGUST 19 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT (REPORTED SEPTTEL), HE SHOWED ME A TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED FROM COLOMBO FROM TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HABIB CHATTY REPORTING TEXT OF MASTERFULLY PLATITUDINOUS COMPROMISE RESOLUTION ON WESTERN SAHARA WHICH HE SAID HAD ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH MOROCCO AND ALGERIA. I MADE NO EFFORT TO OBTAIN TEXT WHICH, I ASSUME, WILL BE SOON GENERALLY AVAILABLE.

2. MOST INTERESTING WAS FONMIN'S COMMENT. CHATTY SAW THE DRAFT AS (A) FACE-SAVER FOR BOUMEDIENE, (B) AS REQUIRING NO RETREAT FOR MOROCCO AND (C) AS ESPECIALLY HAPPY OUTCOME FROM TUNSIAN POINT OF VIEW. HE BELIVES ISSUE HAS NOW BEEN SUFFICIENTLY DEFUSED PUBLICLY TO REMOVE WESTERN SAHARA QUESTION IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE AS BONE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN ALGERIA AND TUNISIA.

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